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What is claimed is:

1. A coating having a thickness of from 5 to 25  $\mu\text{m}$ , comprising a high-molecular-weight organic material and from 5 to 9  $\text{g/m}^2$  coloured pigments, wherein, based on the total amount of coloured pigments,
  - 5 (a) from 30 to 90 % by weight of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione having a specific surface area of from 20 to 50  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$  and
  - (b) from 10 to 70 % by weight of a further organic coloured pigment, selected from the series consisting of quinacridone, diketo-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole, dioxazine, indanthrone, perylene, phthalocyanine and 3-amino-1H-isoindol-1-one-oximato-  
10 metal complex pigments and solid solutions and mixtures thereof,  
are present.
2. A coating according to claim 1, wherein component (b) has a surface area of from 10 to 40  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ .
3. A coating according to either claim 1 or claim 2, wherein component (b) is Pigment  
15 Blue 15:1, Pigment Blue 15:2, Pigment Blue 15:3, Pigment Blue 15:4, Pigment Blue 15:6, Pigment Blue 16, Pigment Blue 60, Pigment Blue 64, Pigment Green 7, Pigment Green 36, Pigment Green 37, Pigment Red 122, Pigment Red 123, Pigment Red 149, Pigment Red 178, Pigment Red 179, Pigment Red 190, Pigment Red 202, Pigment Red 224, Pigment Red 254, Pigment Red 255, Pigment Red 257, Pigment  
20 Red 270, Pigment Red 272, Pigment Violet 19, Pigment Violet 23, Pigment Violet 29 or Pigment Violet 37.
4. A plate, sheet, profiled element or moulding having a thickness of from 0.1 to 100 mm consisting of metal or plastics material on which there is a coating according to claim 1, 2 or 3.
- 25 5. A plate, sheet, profiled element or moulding according to claim 4, on which the coating according to claim 1 is on a white, black or grey primer.

6. A plate, sheet, profiled element or moulding according to claim 4 or 5, provided with a clear varnish.

7. A method of coating a material with a coating, in which method a surface-coating composition is used that comprises from 5 to 15 % by weight of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione, based on the total non-volatile content, wherein, based on the total amount of coloured pigments,

(a) from 30 to 90 % by weight of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione having a specific surface area of from 20 to 50 m<sup>2</sup>/g and

(b) from 10 to 70 % by weight of a further organic coloured pigment, selected from the series consisting of quinacridone, diketo-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole, dioxazine, indanthrone, perylene, phthalocyanine and 3-amino-1H-isoindol-1-one-oximato-metal complex pigments and solid solutions and mixtures thereof, are present.

8. A surface-coating composition comprising from 5 to 15 % by weight of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione, based on the total non-volatile content, wherein, based on the total amount of coloured pigments,

(a) from 30 to 90 % by weight of 3,6-di(4'-biphenyl)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole-1,4-dione having a specific surface area of from 20 to 50 m<sup>2</sup>/g and

(b) from 10 to 70 % by weight of a further organic coloured pigment, selected from the series consisting of quinacridone, diketo-pyrrolo[3,4-c]-pyrrole, dioxazine, indanthrone, perylene, phthalocyanine and 3-amino-1H-isoindol-1-one-oximato-metal complex pigments and solid solutions and mixtures thereof, are present.